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RUSSIA PROBE

DIVIDED VERDICT

Report: Mueller finds no evidence of coordination with Russians but details Trump's efforts to thwart inquiry

Attorney general: He cites constitutional restraints in declining to charge the president but does not exonerate him

ABOVE: Attorney General William Barr speaks about the release of a redacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's report Thursday at the Department of Justice in Washington.

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By Mark Mazzetti
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » Robert Mueller revealed a frantic, monthslong effort by President Donald Trump to thwart the investigation into Russia's 2016 election interference, cataloging in a report released on Thursday the attempts by Trump to escape an inquiry that imperiled his presidency from the start.

Mueller

Trump

The much-anticipated report laid out how a team of prosecutors working for Mueller, the special counsel, wrestled with whether the president's actions added up to an indictable offense of obstruction of justice for a sitting president. They ultimately decided not to charge Trump, citing numerous legal and factual constraints but pointedly declined to exonerate him.

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INSIDE: Trump claims victory with Mueller report out. PAGE A8

KEY FINDINGS FROM REDACTED REPORT

Probe begins: After hearing that a special counsel had been appointed to investigate Russia's election interference, President Trump cursed and declared: "This is the end of my presidency."

Undue influence: The probe didn't exonerate Trump on obstruction-of-justice allegations. Rather, investigators revealed: "multiple acts by the president ... capable of exerting undue influence."

Trump's requests: Trump's attempts to influence the investigation failed "largely because the persons who surrounded the president declined to carry out orders or accede to his requests."

Incomplete: The probe may be incomplete because of lies and misdirection by witnesses, assertions of Fifth Amendment rights, destruction of evidence and failed access to overseas witnesses.

Politics: Schiff says report proves he's right about Trump-Russia collusion, obstruction

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BURBANK » As the administration tried to dance on his political grave, Congressman Adam Schiff sounded anything but defeated Thursday, claiming the newly released special counsel report confirmed — rather than refuted — his charges that the Donald Trump campaign colluded with Russia.

Schiff

At a midday news conference at Burbank City Hall, Schiff said the report by Robert Mueller and his team of investigators on Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential campaign revealed "damning" information even if the probe didn't prove criminal conspiracy.

"Whether these acts are criminal or not, whether the obstruction of justice was criminal or not, or whether these

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ONLINE: To read the redacted Mueller report, go to JUSTICE.GOV/STORAGE/REPORT.PDF

SAN BERNARDINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Residents wary of warehouse economy

Town hall participants voice concerns about huge air cargo logistics center

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Hundreds of San Bernardino residents who say they want clean air, good jobs and transparency from their elected officials gathered Wednesday to voice their concerns about a massive air cargo logistics center to be built in their neighborhood.

Late last year, San Bernardino International Airport and master developer Hillwood Enterprises moved forward with plans to build a nearly 700,000-square-foot logistics center at the former Norton Air Force Base that would house up to 16 aircraft and provide round-the-clock operations.

Brought together by area nonprofits and community-based organizations at a San Bernardino church, residents on Wednesday

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Turpins could see their kids at sentencing set for today

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When David and Louise Turpin are sentenced today for abusing 12 of their 13 children over the course of many years, the drama will be focused not on the duration of the prison terms doled out but on who shows up in the courtroom and who speaks.

D. Turpin

L. Turpin

It's unclear whether any of the children, now ages 3 through 30, will be in Superior Court in Riverside and make victim-impact statements before Judge Bernard J. Schwartz imposes a sentence.

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SANTA ANITA PARK

Agency to order thorough probes in future racehorse deaths

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In another major reform growing out of the deaths of 23 horses at Santa Anita Park this season, the chief of the state's regulatory agency said Thursday it will now assign an investigator and a steward to dig into every death at California racetracks, even if it means having to subpoena records.

The state already pays for postmortem examinations for every horse, but these simpler investigations were often inconsistent, particularly when it came to analyzing medications in a horse's system. Toxicology was requested only on a case-by-case basis until about a year ago and veterinarians were not required to provide medication histories to the laboratory conducting the exams.

"Now, every necropsy is going to be part of a more thorough investigation," said Rick Baedeker, executive director of the California Horse Racing Board.

The CHRB is backing major reforms to the horse racing industry in response to a shocking spike in equine fatalities at Santa Anita in Arcadia. The state and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office are conduct-

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FRANCE

Notre Dame Cathedral fire may have been electrical

A French judicial police official said investigators think an electrical short-circuit most likely caused Notre Dame Cathedral fire. PAGE A10

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